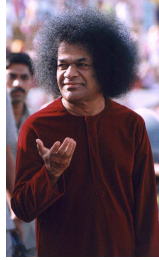


Om Sri Sai Ram



**Summary of 2009 Parthi Trip Meeting
April 12, 2008
2 pm – 4 pm**

LOVE AND UNITY

The first meeting for the 2009 Parthi Trip was held on April 12, 2008. There were 23 devotees who attended the meeting. The following is a brief overview of what was discussed.

The group would be going as "**Region 3**". This would include Kingston and Cornwall centers.

The focus of this pilgrimage to Puttaparthi is:

- **TRANSFORMATION**
- Love
- Unity
- Integrity
- Giving and Forgiving
- Strong Faith
- Discipline
- Surrender to His Will

Tentative Trip Date

- The trip is tentatively scheduled for middle of July/ August 2009.

Program at Parthi

- The group felt it would be worthwhile to have a program while visiting Parthi. General consensus was that a music/dance program would be easier to co-ordinate than a play.

Music/Dance

- A key point was that **EVERYONE** in the group would be included in the music/dance at Parthi. Any activity we plan to perform in Kulwant Hall in front of Swami has to be first approved by the Canadian and International Sai Council.

Spiritual and Seva Activities

- Spiritual and seva activities are to be undertaken by the group between Sept '08 and June '09. This is a pre-requisite to be part of the group (family). Sai devotees in Cornwall and Kingston could carry out these activities at their local centres.
- Some seva activities being considered include sponsoring children in orphanages in India, supporting some gram seva (village service). These will have to be undertaken on a long term basis and not end on return from Parthi. Details are being investigated.
- Practicing 9 point code of conduct.
- Seva would be to donate time and/or money.
- What ever spiritual or seva activity you do, emphasis is to do your best from your heart. Quality is important. Not to be done mechanically.
- Whatever you participate in, it should be done with honesty and integrity. Be truthful to yourself and Swami.

Travel Arrangements

- For group unity it is proposed that we travel together to Parthi. Arrangements for the return trip are flexible.

Commitment /Deposit

- Saturday June 7, 2008 there will be a mandatory meeting of all devotees travelling to Parthi. This will also include devotees who are still not decided, and devotees from Cornwall and Kingston centers.
- Highly recommended that you submit your names to go to Parthi, decided or not, before June 7, 2008.
- Deposit of \$150 will be required before November 23, 2008.
- Finalize registration by November 23, 2008 and cut of date to drop out is January 15, 2009.

An important point to remember:

If for any reason you are not able to give a firm commitment at the moment, it is understandable. Please mark “undecided” on the registration form. But we encourage you to participate in all the group seva, spiritual activities, practices if any and mandatory meetings between September 2008 and June 2009 and fulfill all the requirements. If you haven't fulfilled them but request to be part of the group later, that would not be possible. Everyone follows the same guidelines.